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RE: International Application No.: PCT/US98/06684
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Dear Officer Proctor:

Further to the Communication in Cases for Which No Other Form is Applicable mailed from the U.S. Receiving Office (RO/US) on 23 April 1998 and the response which Applicants' Agent submitted to same on 29 April 1998, a copy of which is enclosed, Applicants' Agent herein respectfully requests the referenced Authorized Officer to inform Applicants' Agent of the status of this application. In specific, Applicants' Agent would like the Officer to confirm that there is no error in the priority date as claimed in the above-referenced application, as was asserted in the response mailed on 29 April 1998. In addition, Applicants' Agent submits a copy of a response to an Invitation to Correct Priority Claim faxed on even date herewith to WIPO.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,


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 Applicants' Agent

Enclosures

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